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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )  
 Tohru TAKAHASHI )  
 Appln. No. : TBA )  
 Filed : December 20, 2001 )  
 For : NONWOVEN FABRIC FOR LOOP )  
       MATERIAL OF HOOK-AND-LOOP )  
       FASTENER AND MANUFACTURING )  
       PROCESS THEREOF )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to  
 A/ claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament  
 composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.

Please add the following new claims:

12. The nonwoven fabric for loop material of hook-and-loop fastener according to  
 A/2 claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic filament A and/or B is sheath-core type conjugate filament  
 composed of a high melting point core component and a low melting point sheath component.